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Dear Parties and Participants:

Re: Docket No. 04-0140 -- Paradise MergerSub, Inc.; GTE Corporation; Verizon Hawaii Inc.; Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc.; and Verizon Select Services Inc. for Approval of a Merger Transaction and Related Matters.

This is to inform you that the Public Utilities Commission will hold public hearings regarding the above-referenced application as follows:

Oahu

Tuesday, October 5, 2004, 6:00 p.m.
State Capitol Auditorium, Basement Level, 415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu

Kauai

Thursday, October 7, 2004, 6:00 p.m.
Lihue Neighborhood Center (Old Building), 3353 Eono Street, Lihue

Maui

Tuesday, October 12, 2004, 6:00 p.m.
Maui Waena Intermediate School Cafeteria, 795 Onehee Avenue, Kahului

Molokai

Wednesday, October 13, 2004, 6:00 p.m.
Mitchell Pauole Center, Conference Room, Kaunakakai

Lanai

Thursday, October 14, 2004, 6:00 p.m.
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Hawaii—Hilo

Tuesday, October 19, 2004, 6:00 p.m.
Hilo Intermediate School Cafeteria, 587 Waiuanuenue Avenue, Hilo

Hawaii—Kona

Wednesday, October 20, 2004, 8:00 p.m.
Kealakehe Intermediate School Cafeteria, 74-5062 Onipa'a Street,
Kailua-Kona

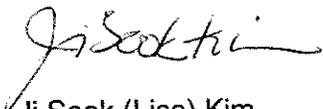
See attached draft "Notice of Public Hearings" ("Notice"). The public hearings' dates, times, and locations have been tentatively confirmed at this time, but for the hearings on the island of Hawaii. While no changes with regards to the Hawaii public hearings are expected at this time, you will be advised if any significant amendments are made. Additionally, a final copy of the "Notice of Public Hearings" will be transmitted to you via electronic-mail.

Upon confirmation, the Notice will be published in the Honolulu Star Bulletin, Hawaii Tribune-Herald, West Hawaii Today, Maui News, and the Garden Island (collectively, "Newspapers") on September 15, 22, 29, and October 4, 2004. In order to publish on the dates listed above, the Notice must be sent to the Newspapers on or shortly after September 3, 2004. As a result, any suggestions or amendments that you may have relating to the Notice should be forwarded to me by September 1, 2004.

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Should you have any questions or concerns on this matter, please contact me at 586-2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ji Sook Kim".

Ji Sook (Lisa) Kim
Commission Counsel

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Attachment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**APPLICATION OF PARADISE MERGERSUB, INC.;
GTE CORPORATION; VERIZON HAWAII INC.;
BELL ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.;
AND VERIZON SELECT SERVICES INC.
FOR APPROVAL OF A MERGER
TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS**

DOCKET NO. 04-0140

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ("Commission") of the STATE OF HAWAII ("State") HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it will hold public hearings relating to the application of PARADISE MERGERSUB, INC. ("MergerSub"); GTE CORPORATION ("GTE Corp."); VERIZON HAWAII INC. ("Verizon Hawaii"); BELL ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC., dba VERIZON LONG DISTANCE ("Verizon LD"); and VERIZON SELECT SERVICES INC. ("Verizon Select") (collectively referred to as "Applicants") for Commission approval of the proposed transfer of Verizon Hawaii and certain other assets and the financing obligations associated with the transfer ("Application"). The Application was filed on June 21, 2004. The Commission will hold public hearings as follows:

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MergerSub, a Delaware corporation, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paradise HoldCo, Inc. ("Buyer"). Buyer is a newly formed corporation controlled by affiliates of TC Group, L.L.C., dba The Carlyle Group, a Delaware limited liability company. GTE Corp., a New York corporation and a subsidiary of Verizon Communications Inc., owns all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Verizon Hawaii. Verizon Hawaii, a Hawaii corporation, is a public utility regulated by the Commission under Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") Chapter 269. Verizon Hawaii, the incumbent local exchange telecommunications carrier, provides local and intraLATA telecommunications services on a statewide basis. Verizon LD, a Delaware corporation, is authorized to: (1) provide telecommunications services in the State on a resold basis; and (2) currently provides inter-island toll services statewide. Verizon Select, a Delaware corporation, is also authorized to provide telecommunications services in the State on a resold basis.

Applicants request, among other things, Commission approval of the following: (1) the merger transaction contemplated by the Agreement of Merger dated May 21, 2004; (2) the transfer of customer accounts and receivables associated with the inter-island toll business of Verizon LD and Verizon Select in connection with the proposed

transfer of control, pursuant to HRS § 269-19; (3) the issuance of a new certificate of authority ("COA") to AssetCo (a newly formed subsidiary of Verizon HoldCo L.L.C. ("Verizon HoldCo"), which is a newly formed subsidiary of GTE Corp.) that contains the same authorizations held by Verizon LD and Verizon Select under their existing respective COAs; (4) the interim transfer of Verizon Hawaii's issued and outstanding capital stock from GTE Corp. to Verizon HoldCo, and the subsequent merger of Verizon HoldCo into MergerSub for the purpose of effectuating the proposed transfer of control, pursuant to HRS § 269-17.5; (5) the guaranty by TelCo Hawaii (Verizon Hawaii under new ownership) and AssetCo of the financing and credit facility arrangements proposed to be obtained by MergerSub for the purpose of effectuating the proposed transfer of control, pursuant to HRS § 269-17; and (6) the pledging of TelCo Hawaii's and AssetCo's respective capital stock and the grant of a security interest in and mortgages on substantially all of TelCo Hawaii's and AssetCo's respective tangible and intangible assets to secure the financing and credit facility arrangements proposed to be obtained by MergerSub for the purpose of effectuating the proposed transfer of control, pursuant to HRS § 269-19.

Aside from Applicants, the parties and participants in this docket are: the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS; JEREMIAH C. GENOVIA; CHARLES K. HEKEKIA, JR.; the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1357; the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE and ALL OTHER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES; PACIFIC LIGHTNET, INC.; and TIME WARNER TELECOM OF HAWAII, L.P., dba OCEANIC COMMUNICATIONS.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearings to state their views orally, in writing, or both. Written statements can be submitted prior to the public hearings. Written statements may be mailed or delivered to the Public Utilities Commission, 465 South King Street, Room No. 103, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813 and can also be sent through electronic mail to the Commission's e-mail address at Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov. Statements submitted prior to the public hearings will be posted on the Commission's website at www.hawaii.gov/budget/puc/puc.htm, under the subject matter heading "Telecommunications", and at the Commission's Honolulu and neighbor island district offices.

Copies of the Application and supporting exhibits are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the following locations:

Public Utilities Commission

Honolulu Office: 465 South King Street, Room No. 103
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 586-2020

Hawaii Office: 688 Kinoole Street, Room No. 106-A
Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 974-4533

Kauai Office: 3060 Eijwa Street, Room No. 302-C
Lihue, HI 96766
(808) 274-3232

Maui Office: 54 S. High Street, State Office Bldg., Room No. 218
Wailuku, HI 96793
(808) 984-8182

Division of Consumer Advocacy

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335 Merchant Street, Room No. 326
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Verizon Hawaii Inc.

Oahu Office: Customer Center
1177 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Hilo Office: Administration Office
161 Kinoole Street, Hilo, HI 96720

Kona Office Baseyard Office
74-5529 Kaiwi Street, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Kauai Office: Administrative Office
4040 Halau Street, Lihue, HI 96766

Maui Office: Administrative Office
60 South Church Street, Wailuku, HI 96793

Molokai Office: Administrative Office
30 Kamehameha Highway, Kaunakakai, HI 96748

Lanai Office: Central Office
428 9th Street, Lanai City, HI 96763

In addition, the Application, supporting exhibits, and other documents filed in this docket may be viewed on the Commission's website at www.hawaii.gov/budget/puc/puc.htm, under the subject matter heading "Telecommunications".

Special arrangements to accommodate persons with disabilities can be made if requested reasonably in advance of the public hearings by contacting the Commission's Honolulu office at the address listed above.

Carlito P. Caliboso
Chairman

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